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**Notice of Allowability**

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2004.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are Claims 1-29 & 33-36 and re-numbered as claims 1-33 respectively.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2004 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
  - a) ☐ All    b) ☐ Some\*    c) ☐ None    of the:
    1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
    2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
    3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
  6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS ( as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
    - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review ( PTO-948) attached
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    - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
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7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

**Attachment(s)**

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### **DETAILED ACTION**

1. Claims 1-29 & 33-36 are pending in the application.
2. Claims 30-32 have been canceled.

### **EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT**

3. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Joseph C. Redmond Jr. on January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2005 @ 12:30pm.

- In Order to avoid a 35 U.S.C. 112, 2<sup>nd</sup> Paragraph Rejection the claims have been amended as follows:

- In Claim 3, line 3, replace "de" with .....(d).....
- In Claim 6, line 3, replace "dh" with .....(d).....
- In Claim 21, line 3, replace "eh" with .....(e).....

### ***Allowable Subject Matter***

4. Claims 1-29 & 33-36 and re-numbered as claims 1-33 respectively are allowable over the prior art of record because the cited references do not contain the specified limitation of a programmable driver/equalizer for overcoming intersymbol Interference (ISI) and other transmission impairments in a variety of transmission media, comprising: a controllable driver set coupled to a transmission media and include compensation means compensation for self-


induced ISI; a transversal filter receiving a data input signal and coupled to the transmission media, the filter having programmable filter coefficients sets; and means for altering the frequency response of the controllable driver sets based on a Z transform, to match the inverse of the frequency response of the transmission media.

**Conclusion**

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Sudhanshu C. Pathak whose telephone number is (571)-272-3038. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F: 9am-6pm.

- If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Stephen Chin can be reached on (571)-272-3056
- The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.
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